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NOTICE OF AGENCY ACTION

February 5, 2010

VIA CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Robert M. Brenner, VMD
Brenner Animal Hospital
10100 Washington Blvd
Laurel, MD 20723

Re: Docket #10-27 (*Dismissal of Complaint and Letter of Censure*)

Dear Dr. Brenner:

The State Board of Veterinary Medical Examiners ("Board") recently investigated a complaint filed against you by Dr. William Vanderlinde concerning your care and treatment of his cat, "Harry," in February and May of 2009. After reviewing the owner's complaint and your response and medical records, the Board has concluded that the allegations in the owner's complaint require no further action, and the complaint will be dismissed.

In investigating this matter, however, the Board carefully reviewed the medical records that were submitted and found that you failed to uphold the standard of care given "Harry." Specifically, you did not conform to COMAR 15.14.01.07(A), which requires that a veterinarian, when caring for and treating a patient, shall conform to those minimal standards of care and treatment which are customary among veterinarians in this State. In this case, you failed to radiograph the jaw following the attempted removal of the wire on May 4. By failing to do so, you were unsure of the complete removal of the wire, which, in large part, led to the filing of Dr. Vanderlinde's complaint.

Because you have no previous disciplinary history before the Board, the Board has concluded that it is appropriate at this time to issue this **LETTER OF CENSURE** so that you may take steps to rectify the deficiencies noted. You also are hereby **ORDERED TO CEASE AND DESIST** from all further acts that would violate COMAR 15.14.01.07, a copy of which is enclosed. There is **no civil penalty, license suspension, or revocation for the violations identified herein**, although this Letter of Censure is subject to disclosure under Maryland's Public Information Act, §§10-611 et seq. of the State Government Article, Annotated Code of Maryland, and may be taken into account by the Board in any future proceedings regarding your practice.

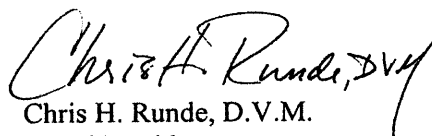
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If you wish to be heard on this matter before the Board, please contact the Board in writing within ten (10) days from receipt of this letter. If we do not hear from you during this ten-day period, this letter is final. You may appeal this determination, however, pursuant to Md. Ann. Code Agric. Art. §§2-401 *et seq.*

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Downes, Executive Director of the Board, at 410.841.5862.

This is an Order of the Board.

Sincerely,


Chris H. Runde, D.V.M.
Board President

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cc: Board file
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